

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on June 21, 2005.

No claims are amended, and no claims are canceled or added; as a result, claims 1-57 are now pending in this application.

Restriction/Election

Restriction to one of the following claims was required:

I. Claims 21-57, drawn to a combination of a printing device with one or more pens consisting of a power supply generating a voltage output with an integrated circuit configured EXTERNAL to power supply to generate a pulse width modulated signal and a voltage adjustment circuit configured to receive control signal and generate a difference signal, classified in class 347, subclass 128.

II. Claims 1-20, drawn to subcombination of a power supply generating an output received by a powered device which then generates a related output, classified in class 347, subclass 57.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 21-57. The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the basis that Restriction Requirements are optional in all cases. M.P.E.P. § 803. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits. *Id.*

Applicant notes that each independent claim (viz., claims 1, 14, 21, 33, 41, and 53) is drawn generally to adjusting the voltage output of the power supply. For example, device claim 21 in Group I (claims 21-57) recites "[g]enerat[ing] a difference voltage to adjust the voltage output of the power supply." Moreover, claim 1 in Group II (claims 1-20) recites a system for "[r]eceiv[ing] the control signal and generat[ing] a difference signal to adjust the output of the power supply." In searching for references regarding each of these claims, the Examiner will likely be identifying references applicable to each of the other independent claims. Therefore, the search will not create a serious burden on the Examiner.

Finally, it is submitted that Applicant should not be required to incur the additional costs associated with the filing of multiple divisional applications in order to obtain protection for the claimed subject matter.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Gregg W. Wisdom at (360) 212-8052 to facilitate prosecution of this matter.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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